



DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

MATERIALS TRANSPORTATION BUREAU

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**49 CFR Parts 173 and 177**

**Highway Routing of Radioactive Materials; Public Hearings**

**AGENCY:** Materials Transportation Bureau (MTB), Research and Special Programs Administration, DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice of public hearings.

**SUMMARY:** This Notice announces one-day hearings, to be held in five locations, to consider the proposals published in the *Federal Register* on January 31, 1980 (Docket HM-164; Notice 80-1, 45 FR 7140) concerning the highway routing of radioactive materials.

**DATES:** The hearings are scheduled as follows:

1. March 28, 1980, 9:30 a.m., to 5 p.m. Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
2. April 3, 1980, 9:30 a.m., to 5 p.m. Chicago, Illinois
3. April 8, 1980, 9:30 a.m., to 5 p.m. Atlanta, Georgia
4. April 15, 1980, 9:30 a.m., to 5 p.m. Denver, Colorado
5. April 18, 1980, 9:30 a.m., to 5 p.m. Seattle, Washington

**ADDRESSES:** The hearings will be held at the following locations:

1. March 28, 1980—Ramada Inn (Meadows Ballroom, Section A & B), 78 Industrial Highway, Essington, PA. 19029
2. April 3, 1980—O'Hare Ramada Inn (Penthouse Ballroom, 9th Floor), 6600 Mannheim Road, Des Plaines, Ill., 60018
3. April 8, 1980—Ramada Inn Central (Georgian Ballroom), I-85 at Monroe Drive, Atlanta, GA 30324
4. April 15, 1980—Main Post Office Bldg. (2nd Floor Auditorium, Room 289), 1823 Stout Street, Denver, CO. 80202
5. April 18, 1980—Federal office Bldg. (4th Floor Auditorium), 915 Second Avenue, Seattle, WA. 98174

Any person wishing to present an oral statement at a hearing should notify the Dockets Branch in writing at least five days in advance of the hearing date. Written copies of oral statements should be presented to the hearing officer prior to the oral presentation. Written requests for time to make an oral presentation should be addressed to Dockets Branch, Materials Transportation Bureau, U.S. Department of Transportation, Washington, D.C.

20590. Each request must state: (1) the identity of the speaker, (2) the length of the presentation (not to exceed 10 minutes), (3) organization(s) the speaker represents, and (4) a mailing address and a daytime telephone number through which the speaker may be contacted.

Failure to provide this information may result in delayed acknowledgement of the requests. A copy of Docket HM-164 may be obtained by calling or writing the Dockets Branch, or may be reviewed in Room 8426, 400 Seventh Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. between 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. weekdays, (202) 426-3148.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** These hearings are intended to provide an opportunity for persons affected by or otherwise interested in highway transportation of radioactive materials to present views in an oral statement. The hearings will be informal rather than judicial or evidentiary in nature, and there will be no cross-examination of persons presenting statements. Each statement will be limited to 10 minutes, and time to speak should be requested in writing five days in advance of the hearing date. Written requests for time to speak should be sent to the Dockets Branch at the address shown above. Requests will be acknowledged. It is requested that written copies of each statement be presented to the hearing officer when the oral statement is made.

The proposed rules concern routes used by motor vehicles required to be placarded Radioactive, particularly vehicles carrying large quantity radioactive materials. The proposal also would affect public availability of information concerning such routes, driver training, and State and local regulation of highway carriers. A copy of the proposed rules and the explanatory preamble is available from the Dockets Branch.

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